

## OFF DAY FOR OUR ATHLETES

**LONDON BOBBIES PULL THEM OVER IN TUG OF WAR.**

Protest Over Shoes Worn by Britishers Quickly Withdrawn—Daniels Swims in Great Form and Wins a Heat—Records in Walk and With Javelin.

Throwing the Javelin. With the Javelin held by the Middle—Won by Erik V. Lemming, Sweden, with a throw of 170 feet 10 1/2 inches; E. Halse, Norway, second, with a throw of 165 feet 11 inches; J. Nilsson, Sweden, third, with a throw of 164 feet 1 1/2 inches. Lemming's throw is a new Olympic record.

Ten Mile Walk—Won by G. E. Larner, United Kingdom; E. J. Webb, United Kingdom, second; E. A. Spencer, United Kingdom, third. Time, 1 hour 18 minutes 27 3/4 seconds. Larner's time is a new world's record.

Bicycle Team Race—Won by United Kingdom; Germany, second. Time, 2 minutes 18 3/4 seconds.

100 Meters Swimming, Back Stroke (100.3 Yards)—Won by A. Beeberstein, Germany; A. L. Dane, Denmark, second; H. N. Harsenape, United Kingdom, third. Time, 1 minute 24 3/4 seconds.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, July 17.—Not only did America figure inconspicuously in the Olympic games to-day, but a little ill feeling arose over the tug of war, in which England quickly won the first heat. The English team wore heavy boots with strong built heels, while the Americans had only light athletic shoes.

The American tug of war team handed in a written protest against the result, claiming that the British team violated the rules by wearing heavy boots. The committee, however, declined to uphold the protest, giving a decision adverse to the Americans immediately.

England easily took all three places in the ten mile walk, while Sweden carried off the javelin throw final. Great Britain also won the bicycle team race. Germany won the 100 meter swimming back stroke. The Britons jumped ahead nine points in the athletic programmes, having a total of 20, still two behind the United States, with a total of 31.

The tug of war were amusing. The London police team pulled the stalwart Americans over as if they were so many girls. The latter then withdrew their protest about the police wearing heavy boots. The protest must have been made to ignore this form of sport, in which it is a great specialty of the British police and army teams to wear heavy boots.

To wear athletic shoes in a tug of war would be regarded as the same error as to wear heavy boots in a sprint race. The spectators were greatly enthused by two strenuous tugs between British teams. The uninitiated were especially pleased with the swift and powerful action of a team shifts the rope over its shoulders in getting a back pull.

After a miserable showery morning and a dull archery performance the weather became fine this afternoon. The programme was not very exciting, but some few thousand spectators showed keen enthusiasm over the events. This was especially so over the fine walk of the Brighton policeman Larner. He won the event easily by more than a hundred yards, beating the world's record.

The other most notable features were the beautiful javelin throwing of the Swedish Lemming and Daniels's swimming in the 100 meter race. De Halmay of Hungary made the distance in 1 minute 24 3/4 seconds, as against Daniels's 1 minute 25 3/4 seconds. De Halmay will not stand a chance against Daniels, who pulled away from all his competitors at each stroke. When he had covered half the distance he took the look around and then slowed down perceptibly, but still continued to increase his lead, finishing in the time stated, which he will probably break in the final. H. J. Heber of Chicago and L. G. Rich of Brooklyn, Mass., also won their heats.

To-day's cycling further discredited this form of sport for such meetings as the Olympic. The Frenchmen were the chief offenders, waiting for the start and then competing till it seemed as if the wheels must fall for want of impetus and then making a tremendous dash for the last half lap.

Yesterday France lost the final in this way, the winner failing to finish within the time limit. They were deeply incensed over the decision, as the limit was set at 20 minutes by two-fifths of a second, but they did not get any sympathy from the spectators, who to-day hooted the riders for not all around the ring, and gave the Frenchman De Mangel a similar reception when he fouled in another heat.

Finland, Sweden and Greece were the principal contestants in the javelin throwing contest, second style (held in middle). Four sections of this event resulted in victories for one Sweden, one Finland, one Greece and one Hungary. The best distance in the preliminary was 164 feet 6 1/2 inches.

The semi-finals in the 100 meter swimming (back stroke) were won by Germany. A. Beeberstein, getting first in the first heat and G. Aurisch carrying off the honors in the second, both of them were out of the same as in the trial heat, which was the fastest of the seven races yesterday.

Danegrel, the French cyclist, was disqualified for the second heat of the 1,000 meter race for foot riding, and first place was given to his team mate, Marchal.

The javelin throwing trials were won easily by Lemming, Sweden, holder of the Olympic record. His to-day's throw of 170 feet 10 1/2 inches is a record at this style of throwing. He was followed by Halse of Norway and third to Nilsson of Sweden.

Geldzik of the Chicago Athletic Club maintained his lead in the semi-finals of the 100 meter race, winning the final in 1 minute 24 3/4 seconds, bettering his time in the trials by one second.

There will be no official decision by the authorities in charge of the Olympic games as to the award of championship among the nations. As in previous years, the newspapers and athletic organizations of the various countries will be left the decision according to their own methods.

It was originally planned to award a prize, the Barette cup, to the nation winning the largest number of first places, irrespective of the class of events. This prize was not, however, in any sense regarded as carrying with it any Olympic championship.

In the strictest sense, the general opinion seems to be that a championship should be decided only on the events which are really a revival of the old Greek games of the revival. Thus only the track and field athletics would be included, and the minor sports, such as cycling, swimming, shooting, bowling, etc., would not be counted.

ship. In all the previous Olympics we have taken no account of the minor sports, but have adhered to the regular track and field events. In straightaway athletics America is supreme.

A summary of to-day's events follows:

Ten Mile Walk—Won by George E. Larner, United Kingdom; E. J. Webb, United Kingdom, second; E. A. Spencer, United Kingdom, third. Time, 1 hour 18 minutes 27 3/4 seconds. Larner's time is a new world's record.

Throwing the Javelin. Trials—Sections 1 to 4—Won by Nilsson, Sweden, with a throw of 164 feet 1 1/2 inches; E. Halse, Norway, second, with a throw of 165 feet 11 inches; J. Nilsson, Sweden, third, with a throw of 164 feet 1 1/2 inches.

Bicycle Team Race—Trial heats. First Heat—Germany defeated France. Time, 2 minutes 25 3/4 seconds.

Second Heat—Won by United Kingdom. Third Heat—Won by Canada.

Semi-final—United Kingdom defeated Canada; Germany defeated Holland.

Final Heat—United Kingdom defeated Germany. Time, 2 minutes 18 3/4 seconds.

100 Meter (100.3 yards) Swimming, Back Stroke—Won by A. Beeberstein, Germany; A. L. Dane, Denmark, second; H. N. Harsenape, United Kingdom, third. Time, 1 minute 24 3/4 seconds.

Tug of War—First heat—United Kingdom defeated United States.

Semi-final—United Kingdom second team defeated Sweden.

Second Semi-final—United Kingdom first team defeated United Kingdom second team. Time, 1 minute 15 3/4 seconds.

Trials Heats: First Heat—Won by A. Russell, United Kingdom. Time, 10 minutes 56 1/4 seconds.

Second Heat—Won by John Eisele, New York A. C. Time, 11 minutes 13 3/4 seconds.

Third Heat—Won by Galbraith, Canada. Time, 11 minutes 12 3/4 seconds.

Fourth Heat—Won by A. J. Robertson, United Kingdom. Time, 11 minutes 10 seconds.

Fifth Heat—Won by C. G. Hoidaway, United Kingdom. Time, 11 minutes 18 3/4 seconds.

Sixth Heat—Won by H. Sewell, United Kingdom. Time, 11 minutes 30 3/4 seconds.

Final Heat—Won by K. Behrens, Germany, with 83 points; G. Wals, Germany, second, with 79 points.

Second Heat—Won by George W. Gaidzik, Chicago A. A. United States, with 85 points; A. Zurner, Germany, second, with 82 points; P. Nicolai, Germany, third, with 81 points.

100 Meter (100.3 yards) Swimming Trial Heats: First Heat—Won by Zoltan de Halmay, Hungary. Time, 1 minute 24 3/4 seconds.

Second Heat—Won by E. Halse, Norway. Time, 1 minute 25 3/4 seconds.

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Sixth Heat—Won by C. M. Daniels, New York A. C. United States, with 85 points; J. H. Derbyshire, United Kingdom, second. Time, 1 minute 29 3/4 seconds.

Seventh Heat—Won by C. W. Edwards, United Kingdom; R. Zimmerman, Canada, second. Time, 1 minute 30 3/4 seconds.

Eighth Heat—Declared void by committee. Ninth Heat—Won by L. G. Rich, Brooklyn S. C. Massachusetts; A. Lepres, Belgium, second. Time, 1 minute 31 3/4 seconds.

Tenth Heat—Won by L. G. Rich, Brooklyn S. C. Massachusetts; A. Lepres, Belgium, second. Time, 1 minute 32 3/4 seconds.

Gymnastic Competition—Won by Sweden, with 43 points.

Though there was an official announcement that the point championship would not be awarded to any country still the ally of the points in the stadium was the world over. The United Kingdom did well by adding two firsts to its tally, the bicycle pursuit race and the ten mile walk, and accidentally securing three places in the latter event. A recapitulation of the points now shows the United Kingdom well in the lead, with a total of 57 points, the United States being second with 31. The scores of the other countries are: Sweden, 11; France, 5; Austria, 4; Germany, 4; Norway, 3; Denmark, 2; and those with 1 are Hungary and Belgium.

Taking the track and field events and leaving out the cycling and gymnastics, America would be ahead with 21 to 29 of England.

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Ladies' National Round—Dodd, 346; Newall, 338; Wadsworth, 310; Wilson, 260; Priestly-Foster, 278; Armitage, 278.

POINT SCORE.

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## BIG FIRE AT GREENWICH, CONN.

**REMAINS FROM BLAZE IN HEART OF TOWN START DOZEN OTHERS.**

Damage Estimated at a Quarter of a Million Dollars—Telephone Girls Horribly Struck to Feet Till Aid Is Called From Other Towns—Golf Clubhouse Burns.

GREENWICH, Conn., July 17.—A \$250,000 fire, in which eight were injured, to-day destroyed much of the business section and threatened the whole village. Simultaneously fires sprang up in different parts of town, so that at one time there were twelve residences burning, some of them a mile from the scene of the big fire.

Among the buildings destroyed was the clubhouse of the Fairfield County Golf Club. A dozen or more firemen and others were on hand while at work, and several were overcome by heat and smoke.

The fire started at 11:15 in a paint shop at the rear of F. A. Mosher's livery stable. It is supposed to have caught from a bonfire built near by children. When discovered the building was beyond saving. In less than two minutes the local fire companies had a stream on the fire, but by that time a stable belonging to the grocery of George A. Finch was ablaze.

Before water could be got to this building the \$100,000 carriage repository of John H. Ray & Son was ablaze. Aid was then called from other towns, but it was half an hour in arriving.

The post office building, owned by William E. Ritch, then took fire and there was a rush by the Government employees to get the mails and Government property to a place of safety. The top floor of this building was occupied by the central office of the Southern New England Telephone Company. As the flames crept up the operators were forced to abandon their posts, thus shutting the town off from telephone communication with other places.

A rush through the heroism of Miss Clara Talbot, chief operator, and Miss Alva Gro-nold, an assistant, who stuck to their posts while the rear of the building was burning and amid smoke that was stifling and heat that was scorching, that the alarm reached other towns. They had just time to make their escape as the blaze swept into the building. A moment later they would have been caught on the wooden staircase which was the only exit.

By this time it was feared that the whole town would be destroyed and Greenwich avenue for half a mile was strewn with the goods of frightened shopkeepers and householders.

The fire swept eastward and caught a four story frame at the corner of E. B. Edwards, loss on furniture, \$20,000; H. B. Stevens, barn, loss about \$1,000; insured. Telephone company loss about \$400; insured. In the Boston Store building the following tenants suffered losses estimated at \$200 each: J. P. Nicolai, Germany, third, with 81 points.

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## PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

**Bulletin.**

## THE SCENIC HIGHWAY TO THE WEST.

The scenic beauty of the Pennsylvania Railroad route to the West is almost as famous as its splendid facilities. Diversity in scenery is essential to its attractiveness. From the levels of New Jersey, through the highlands and valleys of Pennsylvania, over the Allegheny Mountains, and across the wide plains of Indiana and Illinois there is constant change revealing new scenes of activity, opening up new vistas to please the eye and refresh the imagination.

The fat farmlands of eastern Pennsylvania give place to the scenic beauties of the Susquehanna Valley, and for over one hundred miles the banks of the "blue Juniata," crossed and recrossed a dozen times, affording a moving picture of shifting scenes as pleasing as the land affords. The passage of the Allegheny Mountains, around the famous Horseshoe Curve, is matchless in its wealth of mountain views, particularly at this season.